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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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ALGIERS

DEPT PASS CAIRO

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1. ACCORDING UPI, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, ON DEPARTING TUNIS NOV 25 FOR ALGIERS SUMMIT CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED INTER ALIA, THAT HE WOULD "WARN" THE ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE ON THE DANGERS OF USING OIL AS A WEAPON, WHICH BOURGUIBA DESCRIBED AS A "DOUBLER-EDGED SWORD" ABLE TO INFLUENCE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE ARABS. "MY OPINION IS THAT... ARABS MUST USE OIL KNOWINGLY, AFTER MATURE REFLECTION, SO THAT ITS EFFECT IS NOT TURNED AGAINST US." HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF "CONTRACTS" BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD BE "TO ELEVATE LEVEL OF ARAB COUNTRIES BY "CREATING OIL REFINERIES IN THESE COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE".

2. WHILE AGREEING THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TREATED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS THE ARAB CAUSE, BOURGUIBA CONTINUED THAT ARAB STATES SHOULD NOT STOP PROVIDING OIL TO FRANCE, GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND GREAT BRITAIN "NOR IS IT IN OUR INTEREST TO BLOCK TOTALLY OUR AFFAIRS WITH THE UNITED STATES".
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO

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